

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 21, the paragraph beginning at line 24:

--The following ~~step S613 is~~ steps S612 and S613 are a test ~~step~~ in which the counter i is first incremented (step S612) and then its value is compared with the number NB of stored images (step S613) with which the search is concerned.--

Page 23, the paragraph beginning at line 24:

--The following ~~step S627 is~~ steps S626 and S627 are a test ~~step~~ in which the counter i is first incremented (step S626) and then its value is compared with the number NB1 of stored images (step S627) selected during the filtering phase (FIG. 6a).--